SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: This needs investigation. What has happened? May I know whether the is the question. This is with regard to the CBI investigation. What has happened? May I now whether the Government has seized any material? What are they going to do about it? Are they going to file an FIR?

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, I am substantiating my allegation. I am quoting the account number. The account number is, 709475 and the bank is, Union Bank of Switzerland and the branch is in Zurich. Not only, that the Division of International Legal Assistance of the Government of Switzerland had confirmed that crores of rupees have been deposited into the said account. Not only that, the Government of Switzerland had confirmed that this money has gone to a branch of Citi bank and also another Swiss Bank in Hong Kong. Therefore, there is enough evidence. I do not like to name the multinational company of Japan. ...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You cannot keep on speaking. I have other business also. ..(*Interruptions*). ..That is enough.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: What is this? ...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have already spoken.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Madam, .. (*Interruptions*)...

RE. COMMUNAL RIOTS IN MANIPUR

श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदया, अभी पिछले सप्ताह मणिपुर में सांप्रदायिक दंगे हुए थे, जो राष्ट्रीय मार्ग और युनिवर्सिटी में भी फैल गये थे।

अभी स्थिति वहां पूरी तरह से नियंत्रण में नहीं आई थी कि कल सी.आर.पी. एफ. और मणिपुर राइफल्स के बीच आपस में गोलाबारी हो गई, जिससे कई आदमी मर गये और अनेकों घायल हो गये हैं। वहां स्थिति काबू से बाहर है।

मैं आपके माध्यम से गृह मंत्री, भारत सरकार से मांग करता हूं कि वह तुरंत वस्तुस्थिति से इस सदन को अवगत करायें।

इसके साथ ही मैं यह भी मांग करता हूं कि वह सदन को बतायें कि स्थिति को नियंत्रण में लाने के लिए उन्होंने क्या कदम उठाये हैं ?

RE. AN ECONOMIC CRIME, COMMITED BY A VERY HIGH-PROFILE BUREAUCRAT

Mr. Krishnamurthy—Contd.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gupta, please resume your seat.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, give me only two minutes.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please resume your seat. That is enough. I cannot give you any minute. Take your seat.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: My point is that the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of External Affairs are not playing an appropriate role. A theory is being propagated. The theory is, if the Government of India adopts Government—to—Government approach, then, the commercial interests of the country will be jeopardised. It is in consideration of... (*Interruptions*)... foreign countries... (*Interruptions*)... the Government is... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Madam, the CBI is dragging its feet.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Today we have got listed business. I cannot allow any further discussion on it. I won't permit.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Madam, give me two minutes. ..(*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, please allow me to finish.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have already finished.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: I have not yet finished.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You should ask for permission from the Chairman for a longer speech. You can ask for half-an-hour discussion on it. You cannot go on like this. We have already wasted an hour.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, give me one minute. My point is that the Government is not taking enough interest to track down the economic offenders. The reason is that the Government is afraid of taking any action because it believes that if they ask the Japanese Government to find out the truth from the Japanese multi-nationals, we may lose our business. Therefore, Madam, I demand that the Government should take a reasonable stand on it and so that corruption in high places is not sidelined.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam, ...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I cannot permit a discussion. I will not permit any discussion.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam, it is very, very serious matter.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We have very, very serious listed business. I will not allow you to waste the time of the House unnecessarily.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: At least Mrs. Margaret should rise and tell us that she would look into it. ..(*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Reddy, please resume your seat.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: It is her Department.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam, we have a Minister in Mrs. Margaret who is very articulate. Why is she maintaining a studied silence?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta, I would like you to be as silent as she is. (*Interruptions*). I say, all of you should be as silent as she is. Please sit down. (*Interruptions*) No, I won't permit.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): Madam, I do want to state that it is not the normal practice, or not the practice at all, for the Minister to monitor investigations of the CBI. I am not supposed to... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: You are the Minister. (*Interruptions*). You are answerable to Parliament.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar): Madam, the Minister has made a very serious statement. If it is not her duty to monitor CBI investigations, then, whose duty is it? How can she face Parliament if she does not monitor? How do you answer questions in Parliament? How do you speak on behalf of the CBI if you are not doing this basic monitoring?

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: Mr. Sinha, there is a difference between tabling a question and raising a point in Zero Hour. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: You are responsible. The CBI is not an autonomous organisation under the Constitution. You are responsible, for the functioning of the CBI, to this House and you have to answer on behalf of the CBI. You cannot take that plea, Madam. (*Interruptions*).

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: When you table a question, I will then come to the House to answer. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: The Minister is accountable to Parliament.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam, the Minister makes a totally untenable statement.

SHRI N. E. BALARAM (Kerala): Who is responsible then?

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam, we would like to draw your attention to the untenability of her statement (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Thulasi Reddy.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: If we give notice, is the Government prepared to discuss i t? (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You give notice to the Chairman, if you like. Now, sit down. (*Interruptions*). Mr Thulasi, Reddy, will you please speak? Mr. Reddy.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Madam, I do not want to make allegations against the Prime Minister or his son. Just allow me two minutes.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No allegation. (*Interruption*).

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: An amount of Rs. 3200 crores.... (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him finish. Do not interrupt. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, I am saying that he is making a wrong statement. Mr. Jagesh Desai does not know the truth. The truth will come out. The truth is coming out. Huge funds have been siphoned off. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr Gurudas Das Gupta, do not take my patience for granted. Please sit down. Do not take my patience for granted. You have said enough and that is all.

SHRI N. E. BALARAM: I am not satisfied with the answer given by the Minister.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You may not be satisfied. We cannot help it.

SHRI N. E. BALARAM: If she is not responsible for any question raised on the CBI, then who is there to answer?

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: Madam, I do not want to be misquoted I said... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: You said you were not monitoring the investigations of CBI. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI N. E. BALARAM: She said that in the House. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, nothing is going on record I will not allow anyone who is speaking without my permission to be recorded.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam, I am seeking your permission.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am not giving you permission. I refused to give you permission.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam, your anger is dissolved in the smile Now you give me permission.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: My smile has got some other meaning. I am not permitting you.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: For whose benefit is the smile then?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I do not have to be angry all the time. I have to smile. (*Interruptions*). If you like. I can laugh also. But let me run the House.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam, here is a Minister who has made an astounding statement....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jaipal Reddy, please sit down.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY:.....that she does not monitor the functioning of the CBI which is directly under her. How can such a statement go unchallenged? How can such a statement go uncontradicted by the Chair itself? She has made a patently absurd statement. It is untenable. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will see whether 'absurd' is parliamentary or unparliamentary.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: No, no. The word 'absurd' is parliamentary. You don't have to refer it to anybody. Mrs. Margaret Alva will agree with me that the word 'absurd' is absolutely parliamentary. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: I know what is going to happen. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta, shall I repeat the same thing again and again? (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: There is no need to answer. You say, you know everything. Then why are you asking? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: We know what you are doing. It is very unfortunate. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kamal Morarka, I will not permit you to make any allegation against people who are not present in this House. (*Interruptions*) No allegations will be levelled against anyone who is not present here. Otherwise, I will have to ask those people to be present in the House, who can come to this House to give an explanation.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Madam, I wish to draw the attention of the House, through you, and I will ask my friends, Mr. Narayanasamy and Jagesh Bhai to bear with me. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Don't talk like that. (*Interruptions*)

RE. DEMAND FOR INVESTIGATION INTO AFFAIRS OF GOLD STAR COMPANY

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA (Rajasthan): Madam, I withdraw my words. (*Interruptions*) Madam, I draw the attention of the House to the matter of the Gold Star Company. There is a Managing Director of that company, Mr. Krishna Mohan, who has made a press statement that the CBI is wrong in coming to the conclusion that the loan of Rs. 2 crores which he has taken is for the company. He says the loan is for his personal benefit. The ARFSL, according to him, has corroborated that the loan is for his personal benefit and he was called upon the CBI that the CBI should go to any firm of Chartered Accountants and find out and they will know that the transaction is perfectly legal and perfectly all right. Madam, my only plea to the Government is this that Mr. Krishna Mohan is the Managing Director of the company and the company comes under the administration of the Companies Act, the Department of Company Affairs and the Company Law Board. Madam, in my opinion, the loan which he is talking about, is a clear infringement of section 295 of the Companies Act. The Registrar of Companies has got power under sections 234, 235 and 237 to launch an investigation into the affairs of the company to find out whether it is being run in the public interest and in the interest of the shareholders. Under section 209A, the Department of Company Affairs can go and inspect the books of the company. My request to the Department of Company Affairs is that they must immediately inspect the books of the company to examine the truth